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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MUSA SABRI STATES GREAT POWERS SHOULD CANCEL

EGYPTIAN DEPT

1. APRIL 3 AKHBAR CARRIES ARTICLE BY MUSA SABRI IN WHICH HE DEALS, INTER ALIA, WITH GREAT POWER ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT. SABRI STATES THAT COUNTRIES WHICH SELL EGYPT ARMS SHOULD NOT ASK FOR PAYMENT--AND THAT THOSE NATIONS FROM BOTH EAST AND WEST WHICH EXTEND LOANS TO EGYPT SHOULD ASK FOR NO RETURN. HE ADDS THAT EGYPTIAN DEBT WOULD NOT HAVE RISEN WERE IT NOT FOR EGYPTIAN MILITARY PREPARATIONS.

2. SABRI ALSO DEALS WITH PROPOSAL FOR \$250 MILLION US ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT. HE SAYS THAT THIS SUM IS OF "NO WEIGHT" IN FIELD OF COOPERATION AND AID, ALTHOUGH IT IS A TURNING POINT.

3. COMMENT: QUESTION OF CANCELLATION OF EGYPTIAN DEBT IS VERY MUCH ON SOVIET'S MIND IN CAIRO. MOST RECENT INDICATION WAS GIVEN BY SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIAL (KALININ) APRIL 2 WHEN HE DREW EMBOFF ASIDE AT RECEPTION TO ASK SPECIFICALLY IF GOE HAS ASKED USG TO ANNUL EGYPTIAN DEBT TO US. EMBOFF SAID THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THERE HAD BEEN NO DISCUSSIONS
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